

REMARKS

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Claims 1-9 are pending. Claims 1-9 are amended. Claims 2-9 are amended to depend on amended generic claim 1. The amendment is for better protection of the invention and not for reason of any prior art.

Applicant elects the invention of page 2 paragraph 3 of (I) (claims 1). All the claims including claims 1-9 have been amended consonant with the election of generic claim 1 of the invention. All the claims 2-9 as amended are deemed dependent and readable on claim 1 and commiserate in scope of the elected invention of claim 1 with the properties of being rupture resistant and of a range of gel rigidities. Applicant reserve the right to file applications on any and all non-elected inventions.

With respect to a disclosed species for prosecution with respect to dependent claims 7-9, Applicant elect SEEPS block copolymer.

As the time for reply fall on a Sunday, this paper is being submitted within the required one month period.

Should Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicant can be reached at (650) 827-1388.

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